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John Klay House
New Market
Private

1796

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

John Klay House

AND/OR COMMON

Hearth and Eagle Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Eastside Boyer's Mill Road

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

ED 9 Map 79 P 231 Lot 3

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Dr. & Mrs. Ronald C. Best

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route 1 Box A-173

CITY, TOWN

Mt. Airy

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21701

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Court St.

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland 21701

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Also known as Hearth and Eagle Farm is a rectangular brick two and a half story structure laid in Flemish and common bond. It is located on a lane on the east side of Boyers Mill Road which faces south from the east side of Boyers Mill Road. It is a five bay residence which is two bays wide. There are two main entrance doors located in the second and third bay, both of which are panelled doors of peg construction with four light transom and flat arches. Located in the remaining bays are replaced double hung 6/6 windows, those located on the first level are flanked by replaced panelled shutters and have flat arches. Those on the second level butt against a Flemish bond brick belt course which extends across the entire front of the building, and have header arches, but are without shutters. This change in the treatment of the window arches, as well as a distinct change in the color and texture of the brickwork on the front facade indicates that the second story was added early in the life of the residence. The replaced asphalt shingle gable roof is finished by a boxed cornice with plain frieze. Two replaced wide brick chimneys are located flush with the east and west sides of the house. The entire structure is built on a low random stone foundation. Located in the foundation in the first, fourth, and fifth bays are arched cellar vents with wooden grill work which has been replaced. A modern one story frame addition is located to the rear of the house. The interior of the house is laid out in the typical Georgian floor plan with a center hall and one room located on either side of the hall. Much of the original beaded woodwork including chair-railings base boards and mantel pieces with over mantels as well as several stenciled panelled doors with original hardware are located throughout the house. Several cased iron fireplace backs have been placed in several of the fireplaces. A large brick fireplace constructed with old materials has recently been installed in the west room on the first level. Several features in the west part of the house both on the interior and exterior indicate that it is the oldest section. The entrance door located in the second bay is of a smaller portion than that of the third bay. A small gable window is located in the wall next to the stairs to the attic in the center of the building. Also located on the premises is a cornshed and a nineteenth century farmhouse barn.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

1796

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

John Klay (?)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Upon Zebulon's death the property was acquired by Grafton Klay, his son, whose wife Mary, willed the property to Dr. Calvin Clay her son.³ The house remained in the Clay (Klay) family until 1962.

In 1964 the house was renovated by Edith Elliot. Most of the interior woodworking including beaded chair-railing, open staircase and mantel pieces remains intact throughout the house. Of particular importance are several paneled and marbled doors. Iron fireplace backs and the brick fireplace in the first level west room have been added.

1. Frederick County Land Records Liber WR40 Folio 357
2. Frederick County Probate Records Liber GME 3 Folio 51
3. Frederick County Land Records Liber 671 Folio 89

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cherilyn Widell, Sites Analyst

2/78

ORGANIZATION

Frederick County Historical Preservation

DATE

663-8300

STREET & NUMBER

12 East Church Street, Winchester Hall

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland 21701

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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John Klay House

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Interior JOHN KAY HOUSE (HEARTH AND EAGLE FARM)
East side Bayer's Mill Road F-5-20 7/77
Southeast, first floor Room



John Klay House (HEARTH AND EAGLE FARM) CEW 7/77

East side Bayer's Mill Road

F-5-20

Northeast view



HEARTH AND EAGLE FARM (JOHN KLAY HOUSE)

F-5-20

E/3 BOYERS MILL RD NR NEW MARKET

FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND

SOUTH ELEVATION

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